

Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back your sons next week. Year 5 is a fantastic year and together with their tutors, we aim to ensure that each boy's transition from Year 4 is as smooth as possible. To that end, information from Year 5 will be in the weekly bulletin so that information remains constant.

Your son's tutor will be in contact very soon with relevant email addresses and a welcome. They will be on the astro playground on the first morning to say hello to the boys and will help them put their belongings in the appropriate places. New boys will also get a chance to meet up with their buddies. They will need their games kit, as they will have an afternoon of rugby. Please do ensure they have a gum shield, as they will be engaging in practice to ensure they can tackle safely. Other things to consider on the first day is ensuring that all kit including items in pencil cases are clearly named so that if boys do lose their items they can be returned.

One of the main things that your son's tutor will be encouraging from the outset is a sense of independence. They will have individual timetables, so they will quickly learn where their lessons are as the first few weeks progress. We would encourage them to use their lockers to store any books they do not need, as bags can get quite heavy relatively quickly. They will also be encouraged to sign for lunchtime activities, but as they settle, they will begin to appreciate the time they have to pursue other interests.

We appreciate that there will be a lot to take in over the first few weeks, so we will endeavour to communicate as much as possible to ensure a stress free start to the academic year. One date for your diary is Tuesday 11th September. Year 5 will be going to Ickwell and a separate letter will be coming to you regarding this. At 6 p.m. that evening is the meet the tutor and parent's information evening. This is an ideal opportunity to come and see where your son's tutor room is in the Inky building. It is also a chance to introduce yourselves to your son's tutor.

Yours faithfully,

Dominic Affleck

Head of Year 5